

SOMEWHAT ROUGH ON THE DOG

Charm Worked to Perfection, But Ended Canine's Usefulness.

The new girl paused, and glanced at her recently acquired mistress. This business of polishing silver in profound silence was getting on her nerves. She would endeavor to get it off.

"Ain't it nice to get the laugh on people?" she inquired cheerily.

All her life the mistress had been accused of being too easy with her "girls." This time she would begin aright, so she merely raised her eyebrows and remarked, "Is it?" But the newcomer was chill-proof.

"Oh yes," she continued blithely, "me an' my sister have the laugh on all the people in Jamaica, (that's where my sister lives). You see, her little girl had whooping cough an' everybody said she'd have it 12 weeks."

The mistress remembered hearing a voice, singularly like her own, that had lifted itself up, and proclaimed: "If the employers of domestic help would remember that their maids are human beings and not machines, the servant problem would solve itself."

So she felt constrained to ask: "And did she have it all that while?"

"No, she didn't; a lady gave her a cure; she says, 'Get up every morning for three days just at dawn. Then pull a hair from the very middle of the baby's head; after that split open a piece of meat and put in the hair. Then tie the meat to a piece of bread an' feed it all to a big black dog. In three days the dog will have the whooping cough an' the baby will be better.'"

"And was she?" meekly inquired the owner of the silver.

"Sure she was," returned the teller of strange tales.

"And the dog?"

"He coughed so the man in the next house poisoned him."

SEX EVER READY TO FORGIVE

Telegraph Operator Amused at Usual Ending of Lovers' Quarrel.

One afternoon not long ago a young woman stepped up to the telegraph counter in a local department store, and in a trembling voice asked for a supply of blanks.

She wrote a message on one blank, which she immediately tore in halves; then a second message was written out that was treated in the same way; finally a third was accomplished, and this she handed to the operator with a feverish request that it be "rushed."

When the message had gone on the wire and the sender had departed, the operator read the other two for her own amusement.

The first ran: "All at an end. Have no wish to see you again."

"Do not write or try to see me any more," was the tenor of the second message.

The third was to this effect: "Come at once. Take next train if possible. Answer."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A fire alarm was turned in at one o'clock Thursday from the library building. A pile of kindling in the coal room of the basement was ignited in some way. Prompt discovery of the fire enabling quick action resulted in no damage except the soaking with water of one wall in the basement.

Piece of Valuable Carpet.

"There is a small piece of carpet in the mint in San Francisco that a good many people would doubtless like to get possession of," remarked R. H. Smith of the California city.

"It is in the adjusting room, where surplus gold is trimmed from the coins after they have been stamped. Of course these little trimmings often drop on the floor and are imbedded in the carpet, which is soon to be burned in order that the precious filings may be recovered. Sometimes after a piece of carpet like this has been burned \$5,000 worth of gold dust is taken from the ashes. The sweepings from the floor each day are carefully treasured."

The Tyranny of Custom.

Every human being has natural affections and natural antipathies. Instead, however, of obeying the impulse which makes us pursue the former and avoid the latter, we allow the most intimate relationship in life to be decided by calculating reason. Even in the matter of food and drink, we neither eat when we are hungry nor drink when we are thirsty, but whenever the ringing of a bell summons us to a meal for which we may or may not have the smallest inclination.—The Ladies' Field.

The Root of the Trouble.

A housemaid being questioned as to what girls dislike most in the way of an employer declared that the woman who thinks she knows how to keep house is the most disagreeable woman to work for. Generally she thinks her way the only way and makes life miserable for her maids. The ideal mistress is one, the maid thinks, who has not much faith in her own ability to do work, but is satisfied with ordering, leaving the details to her servants. The maid thinks that when mistresses stop playing at domestic science and other fads the servant question will settle itself.

3 homesteads Morton county can be had by contest, cost about \$75 each. A. B. REEVES, Dodge City, Kans.

Dr. and Mrs. Morrison returned Saturday from New York where Dr. Morrison took a post graduate course of five weeks.

Paul Pritchard called around Sunday and took the editor and family for a little spin in the new "Chalmers Detroit 30" car. She runs as smooth as a top and is certainly a fine car. The speed is fixed at 50 miles per hour, but develops about 60. The car is 30 H. P. 4 cylinders.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres, one and a half miles from Rush Center. 100 acres broke, 40 acres in pasture, 60 in wheat, 20 mow land. Good house and barn. 5 acres alfalfa. Good water, good fencing. All new improvements. I am getting too old to farm. Price \$5,500. Land is about one-third valley, balance gentle slope. A beautiful view of Rush Center and the Walnut valley. Would take a small residence in some nearby town as part pay. Come and see the farm. John Renner. 3t.

LANDS FOR SALE

320 acres seven miles south of Larned, black sandy loam, about 175 acres in cultivation, and in wheat. Share of the wheat goes to the purchaser. Good house, barn, granary, etc. Can be sold on easy terms.

180 acres nine miles from Ransom in a good wheat country, 100 acres in cultivation, 75 acres in wheat. Can sell this for \$1500. Is worth twice the money.

We have a ranch of 2480 acres north of Spearville, 1000 acres of blue stem land, and good farm land. Balance more or less rolling, but fine pasture. Well watered. Price only \$8.00 per acre.

320 acres, 250 acres in cultivation. Every foot of the land can be cultivated. Good well and wind mill. 14 miles west of Larned. Can sell this for a few days for \$7800.

160 acres southwest of Alexander, Rush county. 120 acres in wheat. This is easily worth \$20 per acre but we can sell it at \$12.50 per acre.

800 acres three miles from Dodge City, 80 acres alfalfa. 240 acres more in cultivation. Good house, barn and other improvement. Land all fenced. One of the best places for a home in Kansas. Can sell it on reasonable terms and at right kind of a price.

If you are thinking of investing in land, either for farming purposes, or for the sake of an investment, it will pay you to come in and see us or write to us. We have the property at the right prices.

YOUNG & GILES,

Great Bend, Kansas

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GOODS Be Sure To Come To THE FIRE SALE

It will pay you to attend this sale for we have many hundreds of dollars of good merchandise that has not been damaged. In many cases the boxes have been wet, but the contents in all but a few cases are practically unharmed. Since the fire we have received many delayed shipments of merchandise, especially for the Holidays, which will be sold at fire prices. Bear in mind that every dollar's worth of merchandise in this immense stock must and will be sold, if a price will sell it.

6 for 25c Mens good white handkerchiefs worth 10c each.

20c Each Mens pure silk handkerchiefs some plain and others with large silk Initial.

20c Each Mens pure linen handkerchiefs with beautiful Initial

85c Each Mens pure silk mufflers, in white, black and colors, worth \$1.

SPECIAL For Saturday: We will place on sale for Saturday Only all of the Mens and Boys' Shirts on our center counter that sold for 50c to \$1.50 at 5 for \$1

LAST CALL ON HATS! This week will finish the sale on hats. Until Saturday night we will sell any hat on the main floor for exactly one-half price.

Think of it! Buying \$5 Stetson Hats for \$2.50, \$4 Stetson hats for \$2, and every hat in our stock in the same proportion.

For Holiday Gifts

We are showing many desirable Holiday Gifts at prices that will save you from 25 to 50 per cent. Try us and see.

Leather bags, silk suspenders, in Holiday boxes, leather shoe bags, leather kerchief cases, full dress protectors, mufflers, dress gloves in undressed and dressed kid, and in Holiday boxes, pure silk hose for ladies, pure silk half hose for men, suit cases and leather hand bags. A new and beautiful line of mens and boys neckwear, dress shirts (also new) and numerous articles suitable for gifts.

Mens and Boys' Suits and Overcoats

If you or the boy are in need of an overcoat or suit of clothes, all we ask of you is to come to us and see what we have to offer. You will have a chance to select from the best stock of clothing in Barton County, and at prices that are so low that you cannot help but buy. Mens suits from \$3.75 to \$18. Boys suits from \$2 to \$4. Overcoats cut still deeper. It is your chance of a lifetime. But you will have to hurry!

LAST CALL ON UMBRELLAS! Until Saturday night we will sell any Umbrella in the house for just exactly one-half the price they formerly sold for.

Think of buying a good Umbrella for 25c, 50c and 75c, and the very finest wite sterling silver handles for only \$1.50 and \$2.00!

For 20c a Pair Ladies fine hose in black and colors, plain and embroidered, worth 25c, 35c and 40c, all go for 20c pr;

For 35c a Pair Ladies finest imported hose in blacks and colors and embroidered, Gauze, Lises and Mercerised, worth 50c to 75c pr, for only 35c pr.

For 20c a Pair Mens heavy wool socks that sold for 25c pair.

For 25c Little boys sweater coats that sold for 50c each.

For 45c Pair Mens good, heavy bib overalls that sold for 75c pair.

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Our mixed nuts are the best in the market and will be sold at a very low price. We bought early and give you the best bargain of any house in the county.

Bakery Goods

Fruits

Our stock of Oranges, Apples, Lemons, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Pears, Pineapples, Grape Fruit, for the Holiday trade was never so complete as now and we have bargains for you.

Xmas Goodies

— at —
The Crescent

Our line of Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Groceries generally, Pickles and Relishes, the largest in the city—satisfaction guaranteed.

Come in and see our line and get our prices. We can sell you better than anyone else.

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We are better equipped this year to supply your demands in our candy lines than ever before. Come and see our display before you buy.